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SUBJECT: DEC. 19 MEETING OF AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LDC'S (AHG)

1. AHG MET DEC. 19 FOR BRIEF, UNINFORMATIVE REVIEW OF
CIEC RESULTS AND SOME INITIAL DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES
FOR FIRST SESSION OF CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

2. CHAIRMAN (ROBERT) INSISTED UPON WASTING MOST OF ONE
DAY SESSION IN WHOLLY THEORETICAL DISCUSSION OF
INFORMAL "GUIDELINES" FOR PRIORITY PREPARATORY WORK
FOR EARLY MEETINGS OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. HIS GUIDE-
LINES WERE: PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO SUBJECTS OECD
DIALOGUE PARTICIPANTS THINK SHOULD BE TABLED EARLY; ASCER-
TAINING VIEWS OF ALL OECD MEMBERS ON THESE SUBJECTS;
HARMONIZATION OF DIFFERING VIEWS WHERE THESE COULD HARM
CONSTRUCTIVE TENOR OF DIALOGUE; CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO
DEALING WITH LDC DEMANDS WHICH CANNOT BE MET; AND ATTEMPT
TO REACH COMMON ANALYSIS OF SITUATION AND PROBLEMS FACED
BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS. ON BASIS THESE
GUIDES SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE COMPLETE SET OF PAPERS
ON KEY DIALOGUE ISSUES FOR FEB. 9-10 MEETING. SINCE
GROUP AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS HAD TACITLY ACCEPTED US LIST
OF PRIORITY SUBJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND
GROUP AND SECRETARIAT HAD ALREADY DONE CONSIDERABLE
WORK ON EACH AREA, NO ONE WAS ABLE TO FATHOM ROBERT'S
INTEREST IN REGRESSING TO "GUIDELINES" FOR PREPARATORY
WORK.

3. GROUP APPROVED SECRETARIAT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER
WORK ON INDUSTRIAL/TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (PARAS
61-66 OF CE/DG(75)23). NO CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON MORE
SPECIFIC PRIORITIES FOR DIALOGUE. DUTCH AND NORWEGIANS
ARGUED FOR GIVING FIRST PRIORITY TO QUESTION OF STRUC-
TURAL ADJUSTMENT, BUT THIS WAS OPPOSED BY EC COMMISSION,
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FRG, AND US.

4. AHG AGREED PAPER ON INVESTMENT RESULTING FROM DAC
DISCUSSIONS (CE/DG(75)25) WAS WELL BALANCED. US DEL
SUGGESTED THIS WAS SUBJECT THAT SHOULD RECEIVE SOME
PRIORITY ATTENTION AND NOTED PROPOSALS MADE BY SECRE-
TARY AT CIEC MINISTERIAL. SWEDEN HOWEVER, URGED IT BE
PUT ON BACK BURNER UNTIL IT COULD BE SEEN WHAT LDC

DEMANDS WOULD BE. GROUP WILL COME BACK TO THIS SUBJECT
AT NEXT MEETING.

5. GROUP HEARD REPORTS BY GATT SECRETARIAT ON STATUS
OF MTN AND BY OECD TRADE DIRECTORATE ON WORK BEING UNDER-
TAKEN IN TRADE COMMITTEE ON PREFERNCES AND DIFFERENTIAL
TREATMENT ON NTB'S. VIRUTTUALLY NO COMMENT WAS MADE ON
THESE PRESENTATIONS AND GROUP AGREED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT
AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

6. AHG AGREED TO HOLD NEXT MEETING ON FEB. 9-10 JUST
BEFORE FIRST MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(FEB. 11).
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